

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

**Attorney's Docket No.**  
81096258

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

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**METHOD OF DESIGNING A MANUFACTURING ASSEMBLY LINE**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a), Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and as to application for patents or inventor's certificate on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns,

[ ] no such applications have been filed, or  
[X] such applications have been filed as follows:  
[ ] I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below

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United States of America	10/253169	September 24, 2002			

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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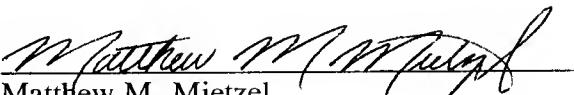
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